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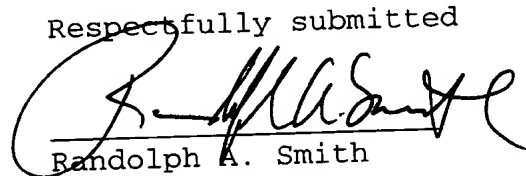
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action by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance set forth under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) can be satisfied by submitting an English-language version of the search report or action which indicates the degree of the relevance found by the foreign office. It is respectfully submitted that applicants have satisfied the requirements set forth under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) because an English-language version of the search report has been filed.

If there are any questions regarding this application, please telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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